

IN THE DRAWINGS

The Examiner objected to the drawings under 37 CFR 1.83 (a). The Examiner states that the angular profile that forms an angle of less than 90 ° must be shown in the drawings or the feature canceled from the claims. The Examiner has referred to page 7, lines 16-19 of the specification, which discuss the feature of the angle being less than 90°. Referring to figure 2, it can be seen that the legs 15 and 16 are clearly at an angle of less than 90° relative to one another.

Applicant, accordingly, respectfully requests withdrawal of the rejections of the drawings under 37 CFR 1.83 (a).

REMARKS

Applicant respectfully requests consideration of the subject application. This Response is submitted in response to the Office Action mailed August 10, 2006. Claims 1-26 are pending. Claims 1-26 are rejected. In this Amendment, claims 1-3, 6-7, 9-26 have been amended and claims 4, 5 and 8 have been canceled.

35 U.S.C § 112 Rejections

The Examiner rejected 1-26 under 35 USC § 112, second paragraph, as being indefinite for failing to particularly point out and distinctly claim the subject matter which applicant regards as the invention.

The Examiner firstly noted that the claims are written in narrative form. Applicant has amended the claims to conform with U.S. practice.

In certain instances the Examiner stated that the way that the items are formed should be part of method claims. Applicant believes that product by process claims are proper.

The Examiner stated that the support element 23 in claim 6 is inconsistent with the support element 21 in claim 7. Applicant has removed all reference numerals from the claims.

The Examiner also listed a number of antecedent basis problems in claims 1, 2, 3, 5, 11, 12 and 26. Some of these claims have been deleted while others have been amended to overcome the Examiner's rejections.

The Examiner also stated that a broad range or limitation together with a narrow range or limitation, for example in claim 17, is indefinite. Applicant has removed the narrow limitation in each one of the claims having both a broad limitation and a narrow limitation.

35 U.S.C. § 102 Rejections

The Examiner rejected claims 1-8, 18, 22, 23-25 under 35 U.S.C. § 102(b) as being anticipated by Saunders, et al. (U.S. Patent No.: 5,007,196, hereinafter "Saunders") and claims 1-9, 11, 12, 15, 16 under 35 U.S.C. § 102(b) as being anticipated by Shanahan, et al (U.S. Patent No.: 4,165,577, hereinafter "Shanahan"). This includes independent claim 1.

Claim 1 has been amended so that claim 1 is now essentially the combination of claims 1, 4, 5 and 11. The combination basically defines the embodiment in Figures 1 and 2, in which the support element is designed in the form of an essentially F-shaped strip. Applicant believes that the F-shaped design of the support element is not suggested by either Saunders or Shanahan.

Shanahan does not disclose any suggestions for designing the support element in the manner of an F-shape strip. Saunders shows a support element formed in the manner of an angular profile. But the strip to which conductor strips are adhered is attached to the inside of the L-shaped shield section. In contrast to this, in the present invention the conductors are arranged on the outside of one of the legs of the angular profile. This outer arrangement for the

conductors provides for instance the advantage that compared with Saunders, the device according to the invention can be attached to a holding structure in particularly favorable ways. The device can for instance be attached to a timber as shown in figure 1, where each inner surface of the L-shaped contacts the facing outer surface of the timber.

Claim 1 thus includes at least one limitation that is not suggested by either Saunders or Shanahan. The other claims rejected by the Examiner under this heading have either been deleted or depend from claim 1 and should be allowable for at least the same reasons as claim 1.

Applicant, accordingly, respectfully requests withdrawal of the rejections of these claims under 35 U.S.C. § 102(b) as being anticipated by Saunders or Shanahan.

35 U.S.C. § 103 Rejections

The Examiner also rejected various claims under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over Saunders or Shanahan. These claims depend on claim 1 and should be allowable for at least the same reason as claim 1.

Applicant, accordingly, respectfully requests withdrawal of the rejections of these claims under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over Saunders or Shanahan.

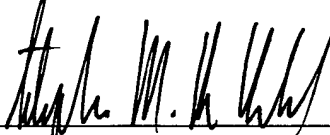
Applicant respectfully submits that the present application is in condition for allowance. If the Examiner believes a telephone conference would expedite or assist in the allowance of the present application, the Examiner is invited to call Stephen M. De Klerk at (408) 720-8300.

Please charge any shortages and credit any overages to Deposit Account No. 02-2666. Any necessary extension of time for response not already requested is hereby requested. Please charge any corresponding fee to Deposit Account No. 02-2666.

Respectfully submitted,

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